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In response to the Office Action dated February 27, 2003, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

AMENDMENT TO DESCRIPTION

Kindly amend the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 8, as follows.

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FIG. 7 illustrates a hold down constructed in accordance with the invention in which a pair of laterally displaced feet are used hold down the scooter. Hold down 80 [70] includes tube 81 [71] welded or otherwise securely attached to tube 16. Tube 81 [71] is approximately horizontal and receives one end of arm 82 [72], which is preferably a bent, solid bar of steel. Arm 82 [72] rotates within tube 81 [71] to provide an up or down motion to the free end of the arm. Tube 73 [73] is welded to the free end of arm 82 [72] and tube 84 [74] fits within tube 83 [73] with a spring (not shown) to provide a resilient connection to foot 85 [75], which is mounted on one end of tube 84 [74]. Along the length of arm 82 [72] a second telescoping pair of tubes is welded to provide connection to foot 89 [79]. Feet 85 [75] and 89 [79] are preferably attached to tubes 84 [74] and 88 [78] by a mechanism that will allow some movement of the feet about at least two axes. As shown in the FIG. 7, foot 89 [79] is attached by a ball and socket joint. Other mechanisms could be used instead.

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Kindly amend the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 22, as follows.

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Feet 85 [75] and 89 [79] are separated along arm 82 [72] by 5-10 inches or more. The result is that the feet are laterally displaced, i.e. separated from side to side across a scooter. Preferably, the feet straddle longitudinal axis 81 of a scooter (not shown). Thus positioned, the feet prevent the scooter from rolling about longitudinal axis 91 [81] during transport. To some extent, hold down 80 [70] also prevents the scooter from rolling on its wheels. What is of concern here is rolling in the sense of the one of the motions of roll, pitch, and yaw.